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1. The Havlickuv Brod Military Airfield ~~[4936N-1533E]~~, located 1 1/2 km. from Havlickuv Brod, was 1 1/2 km. north of an insane asylum and hospital situated on a hill 100 m. high. This institution comprised 17 red brick three-story buildings with red tile roofs. The Sazava River flowed 500 m. north of the Airfield ~~[Encl. A, Pt. 47]~~, and in Lipnice ~~[4937N-1525E]~~, 10 1/2 km. west, were the ruins (20 - 30 m. high) of a castle standing on a hill 620 m. above sea level.
2. The Airfield was 1,000 m. from east to west; 5,000 - 6,000 m. from north to south. Because of its location on a hill and the proximity to a forest, there was no possibility of enlarging the Airfield. The hills surrounding the airbase were approximately 10 km. distant.
3. For about 30 days each winter the Airfield was closed when the snow piled 10 - 12 cm. deep. Day-long spring fogs and the extremely low clouds shrouding the surrounding hills sometimes kept aircraft grounded; this was especially true from November to February, when these clouds caused ice to form on the wings of aircraft. Occasionally local summer thunderstorms also made flying inadvisable.

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4. The Airfield had no taxi strip; airplanes taxied on grass. Although there was no perimeter track or other elaborate facilities, the 500 m. high grassy hill top was quite level and serviceable. Drainage was natural.

50X1 5. [] this Airfield could accommodate 50 Siebel-type aircraft.

50X1 6. [] no new construction or improvements in progress here, nor any hardstands or revetments.

7. Ninety-five per cent octane fuel was carried in two trucks to refuel aircraft; one truck used a hand pump, the other had power-driven pumps. Oil was supplied the planes from oil drums carried on a two-wheeled cart pulled by a tractor; a hand pump was on top of each drum. Water hydrants were located at various spots around the Airfield; water came from Havlickuv Brod. New aircraft engines came from Prague-Letnany Airfield and were exchanged for inoperative engines; they were shipped by rail and carried from the train depot to the Airfield by trucks. Although electric power came from Havlickuv Brod, a German generator was used in emergencies.

8. The three to five cars and five to eight trucks were used for transportation and were parked at the caserne Encl. A, Pt. 6; repair facilities were located in a garage Encl. B, Pt. 3.

50X1 9. Since there was no hospital on the Airfield, personnel went to the one nearby Par. 1 which was staffed by civilians. The aid station Encl. A, Pt. 6 had one doctor and five corpsmen who were assigned to the housekeeping regiment. The corpsmen attended a two months first-aid course; the doctor was an accredited physician. The first aid station had an ambulance assigned to it which was housed in a nearby garage Encl. B, Pt. 23. The driver of this vehicle was kept on alert status when flying took place.

[] Comment: editor's note: see also [] "Photo. Recon. Regt. 50X1 at Havlickuv Brod Airfield"

Enclosures:

A. Pinpoint Location of Havlickuv Brod Military Airfield, Overlay
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50X1 B. [] Sketch of Havlickuv Brod Military Airfield

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